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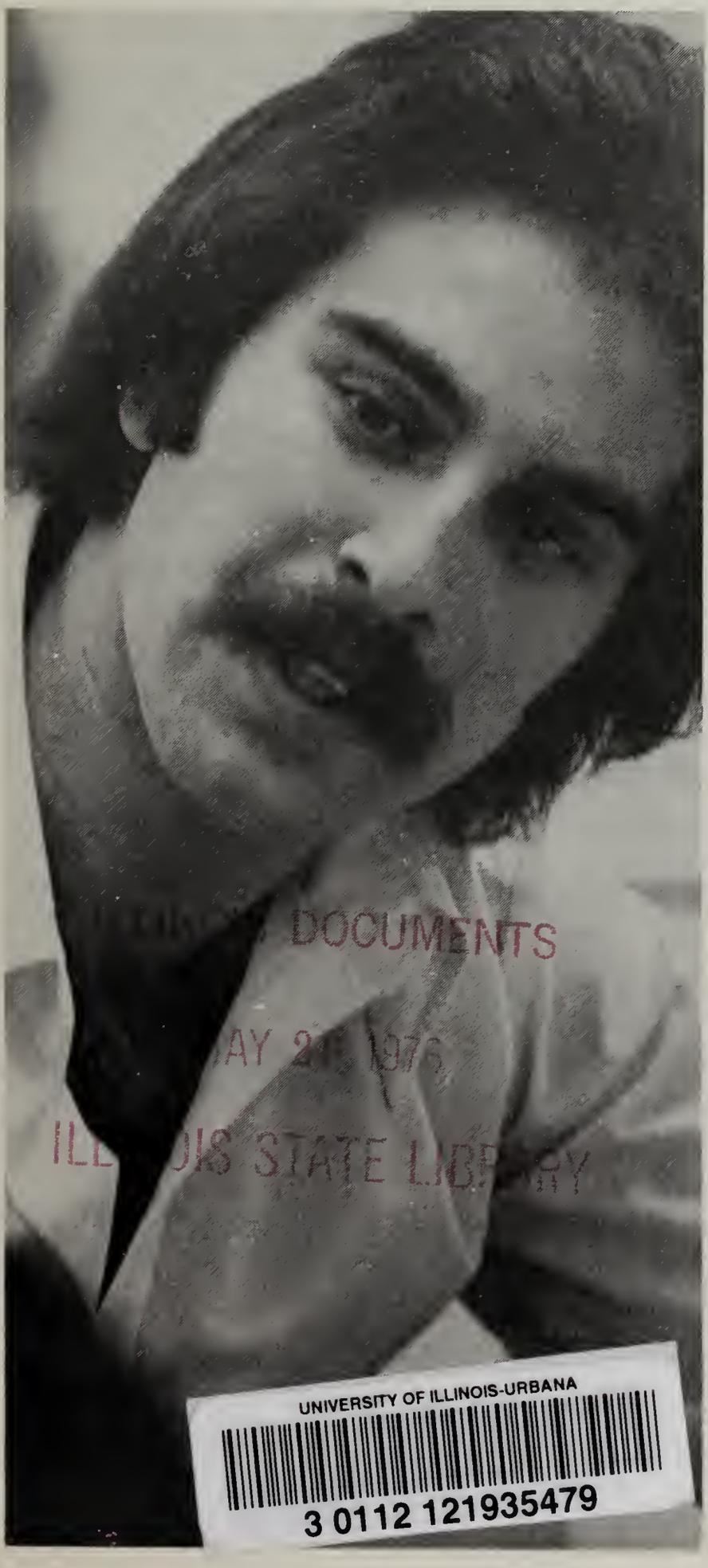

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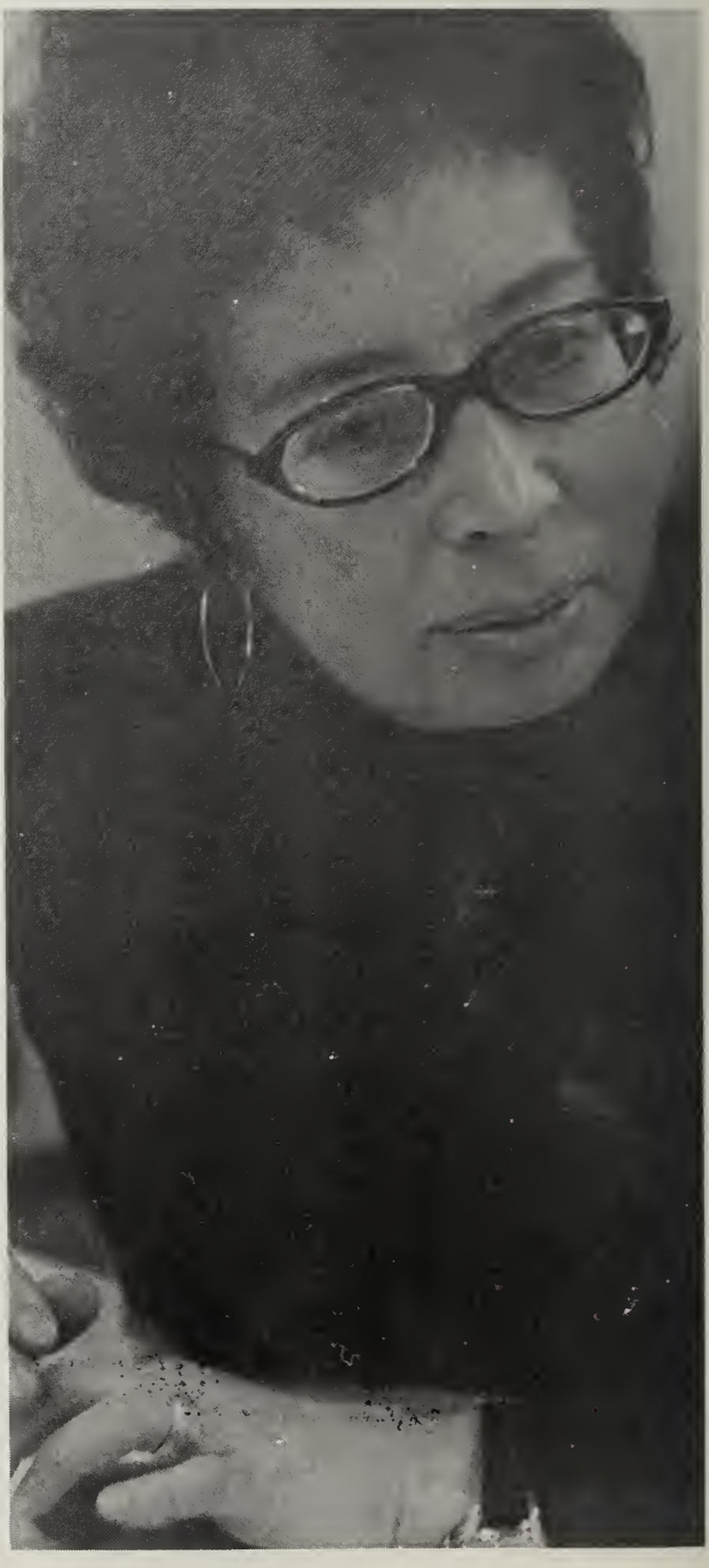

Helping you find a job

is what the Work Incentive Program (WIN) is all about.

If you are receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), WIN will help you get a job. Then, once you have a job, WIN will do everything possible to help you keep that job.

And after WIN helps you find a job and you're earning an income, you still may be eligible to receive part of your AFDC payment. Or you may find a job through WIN that pays enough so that you and your family no longer will need assistance from AFDC.

That is what WIN is all about.

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Some people on AFDC

are required to sign up for WIN.

Those who are not required to register may volunteer for the program if they wish.

You must register for WIN if you are receiving AFDC unless:

- ✓ —you must be at home to care for a child or children under the age of 6; or
- ✓ —you are a mother with dependent children in a family where a man is already registered for WIN; or
- ✓ —you are under 16; or
- ✓ —you are under 21 and enrolled as a full-time student in school; or
- ✓ —you have an injury or illness and a physician will verify that you cannot work; or
- ✓ —you must remain at home to care for a person who is very ill.

This is how the WIN program works.

When applying for AFDC you are told about the WIN program. The next step occurs when you have your first interview with a WIN worker. At that time, the worker discusses with you the kinds of jobs that interest you, training that will help you get a job, and other services you need in order to work.

If you are a mother with children and need child care, WIN will help you make arrangements that are suitable to you. Payment for child care will be provided by WIN. Transportation for child care will be arranged when necessary.

Necessary medical and dental care will be provided for you if related to your job. Such services may include eyeglasses or dentures or treatment for specific illnesses. If you have problems which make it impossible for you to compete in the job market, you may use the services of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for special types of training.

You and your WIN worker will decide together what you need to get a job — and keep that job!

When you start working, you still may be eligible to receive part of your AFDC grant.

This means that the first $30.00 of your earnings is not considered as income by the Department of Public Aid in determining your grant. An additional ⅓ of the rest of your income also is disregarded. This does not apply to WIN participants in Public Service Employment projects nor to former AFDC fathers when they begin to work over 100 hours per month.

Your WIN worker will provide more information about how working will affect your grant.

As a WIN participant, you still will receive your medical card and food stamp card.

If you have volunteered for a WIN program and later decide to leave the program, be sure to check first with your WIN worker to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of your action.

You must do certain things to remain eligible for your share of the AFDC grant:

1/ You must keep all WIN appointments on the date and time scheduled;

2/ You must accept referrals for jobs that are reasonably well-suited to your experience;

3/ You must notify WIN of changes in your address or telephone number or family situation.

It's important that you remember to take your current medical card with you whenever you go to the WIN office.

One more thing:

If at some point you disagree with WIN regarding any decision about training, employment, reducing your grant, or terminating you from the WIN program, you can ask for a fair hearing. Your WIN worker can tell you how to do this. If you speak Spanish, WIN will provide an interpreter to assist you during an appeal.

WIN will help you in every possible way to find a job— and then to keep that job.

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